GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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SETTING UP OF NEW FERTILIZER PROJECTS
CHINTAMAN NAVSHA WANAGA

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received proposals from various State Governments to set up new Fertilizer Projects in the States particularly in Maharashtra, during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) the number of projects cleared/ rejected/ pending during the said period;

(d) the time by which the clearance to the pending proposals is likely to be given; and

(e) the details of such projects in which private sector or foreign capital investment has been proposed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

(SHRI RAMESH BAIS)

(a) to (e): No proposals have been received from any State Governmentfor setting up new fertilizer projects in the country, since as per the industrial policy resolution dated 24th July 1991, no licence is normally required for setting up new fertilizer projects. Entrepreneurs are free to set up fertilizer projects anywhere in the country subject to environmental clearance. However, Public Sector Undertakings/ Cooperative Societies under the administrativecontrol of the Department of Fertilizers have to obtain approval of the Government before undertaking such capital expenditure beyond their delegated powers. In view of the near self-sufficiency achieved in production of urea and also the assessment of the demand supply scenario till the year 2003-04, Government have also decided not to encourage new capacities for production of urea in the country till the year 2003-04 over and above the following public/cooperative sector projects for which an 'in principle approval' has already been accorded by the Government in April, 1999:-

Sl.No.	Name of the Project	Annual Urea Capacity in lakh M.T	Estimated capital cost (Rs crore)
1	Krishak Bharati Cooperative Ltd. (KRIBHCO)'s Third stream ammonia -urea expansion project at Hazira in Gujarat	7.68	1318
2	Krishak Bharati Cooperative Ltd. (KRIBHCO)'s New ammonia-urea plant at the existing site of FCI at Gorakhpur in UP	7.68	1536
3	Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Ltd. (IFFCO)'s grassroots ammonia-urea plant at Nellore in Andhra Pradesh	7.68	1736
4	Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Ltd. (RCF)'s ammonia-urea expansion at Thal in Maharashtra	7.68	1332